Examiners and Superintendents for Vernacular Examinations.

260. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the principle accepted in selecting examiners and superintendents (chief and assistant) for the Vernacular School Leaving Examination, the Vernacular Higher Examination and the vernacular portion of the English School Leaving Certificate Examination?

(*b*) Will they state why such examiners and superintendents are not selected from among Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools and Headmasters of Training Schools?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The principle is to appoint the best persons available as examiners and assistant examiners. Superintendents are selected from the officers on the spot.

(*b*) Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools and Headmasters of Training Schools are also among the persons selected as examiners and superintendents.

Repair of Bunds and Culverts in West Kalladai.

261. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to repair the broken bunds and culverts of the west Kalladai *pakuthi*, Kunnattur taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Three estimates received from the Chief Engineer amounting in all to Rs. 49,230 on account of closing breaches in the Kallada flood banks have been sanctioned and the works have been started. Another estimate for Rs. 6,730 is under the consideration of the Government.

Adur Munsiff's Court Buildings.

262. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why the construction of the new buildings for the Munsiff's Court at Adur was stopped;

(*b*) when it was stopped; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend completing the same, and if so, when?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The estimated cost of the building was found to be high, and the Chief Engineer was, therefore, asked to submit a revised estimate either by altering the design or by modifying the specification.

(*b*) In June, 1922.

(*c*) The matter will be considered after the revised estimate is received.

Revenue from Timber Sales.

263. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the percentage of increase in the tariff rates of timber during the last five years;

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(2) whether the quantity of timber extracted during the last five years has increased, or decreased and, if so, in what proportion; and

(3) whether the net revenue from the sale of timber has been affected by the above two factors?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The percentage of increase in the tariff rates of timber has been below 50 per cent. in 32 cases, and above 50 per cent. in 30 cases.

(2) Compared with the figures of 1094, there was an increase in the quantity of timber extracted by the department during the years 1095 and 1096, while during 1097 and 1098 there was a decrease. A statement* showing the proportion of increase or decrease in the quantity of timber extracted during these years is laid on the table.

(3) No.

Damage to Chavara Canal by Motor Boats.

264. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the great damage done to the banks on either side of the Chavara canal by the action of the waves caused by motor and steam boats plying along the canal?

(*b*) Are they aware that considerable loss is being thereby caused to landholders year after year?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to take early steps to prevent the damage?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Some damage is reported to be caused.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Government are unable to do so.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government will call for information on the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no objection to call for information.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know why Government are unable to take steps to prevent the damage?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because Government consider that land-holders should protect their own lands against damage.

* *Vide* appendix VII—page 923.

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Appendix VI.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 259**

A

Statement of expenditure incurred by the P. W. D. under "works and repairs" for the years 1052 to 1056, on irrigation works.

Year.	Works.	Repairs.	Total.
1052	...	...	...
1053	15,587	1,06,583	1,22,170
1054	...	...	...
1055	60,097	38,849	98,946
1056	78,858	15,332	94,190

B

Statement showing the allotments made in the P. W. D. budgets under "works and repairs" for the years 1094 to 1099 for minor irrigation works.

1094	12,913	11,304	24,217
1095	27,165	12,252	39,417
1096	18,590	12,622	31,212
1097	55,490	13,022	68,512
1098	53,000	17,552	67,552
1099	98,230	15,870	1,14,100

Appendix VII.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 263.**

Statement showing the quantity of timber extracted by the Forest Department during the years 1094 to 1098.

Year.	Round logs. C. ft.	Sawn or axed. C. ft.	Total C. ft.	Percentage of increase or decrease	Remarks.
1094	3,12,908	98,095	4,11,003	...	
1095	5,55,401	1,69,477	7,24,878	76	Increase.
1096	7,31,897	2,82,012	10,13,909	39	Do.
1097	4,09,324	2,41,090	6,50,414	35	Decrease.
1098	3,33,128	2,61,335	5,94,463	8	Do.

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